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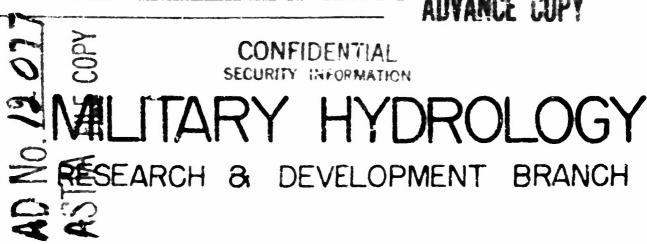


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1-03 ARPANGEMENT OF REPORT.

This report is sub-divided as follows:

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1-04 EQUIVALENT ENGLISH-METRIC TERMS.

Both English and metric terms are used in this report. The following table presents conversion factors for convenient reference. To reduce A to B, multiply A by F. To reduce B to A, multiply B by G.

Unit A	Factor F	Factor G	Unit B
Miles (Mi.)	1.60935	.62137	Kilometers (Mm.)
Meters (M)	3,2808	.30480	Feet (Ft.)
Meters	39.370	.025400	Inches
Cubic Meter (M3)	35.3145	.028317	Cubic Feet (Cu.Ft.)
Acro-feet	43560.	.000022957	Oubic Feet
Acre-feet (Ac-ft)	1233.5	.00081071	Cubic Meters (M3)
Second-feat (ofs)	1.9835	.50417	Ao-ft per 24 hrs.
Miles per hour	1.4667	.68182	Feet per second
Meters per second	3.2808	.304.80	Feet per second
Meters per second	2,2369	.44704	Miles per hour

1-05 ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

The following abbreviations are used in this reports m for moters, be for kilometers, and m3/sec. for cubic meters per second. Definitions of terms applicable to stage and discharge are defined on Exhibit 1.

1-06 REVENENCES.

All references used in the text and in the exhibits of this report are listed in the bibliography at the end of the text.

SECTION II

DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

2-01 GENERAL.

- a. References 1, 2, and 3 in the bibliography section of this report present detailed descriptions of the Danube River Basin and its connecting waterways.
- b. Detailed description of the Danube River in this report will apply only to the reach of river affected by the operation or demolition of Rachlet Dam. The reach considered, extends from the mouth of the Isar River, Germany to Engelhartssell, Austria.

2-02 TOPOGRAPHY.

- a. Exhibit 2 is a map showing the general layout of the Danube River Basin above Passau, Genziny, and its connecting waterways. Exhibits 3 and 4 are sketch maps depicting crossings and improvements of the reach of the Danube River influenced by the operation of Eachlet Dam.
- b. Drainage areas of the Upper Danube River at the confluence with its major tributaries are as follows:

Danube River below mouth of	Drainage area in square kilometers
Iller	7,471
Lech	19,258
Altmuch1	26,214
Regen	35,385
lsar	47,110
Inn	76,604

- c. All elevations referred to in this report are in motors above the Adriatic Sea, or "uber Adria" datum, which is the old Austrian altitude reference.
- d. Distances along the Banube River channel referred to herein, unless otherwise noted, refer to the distance in kilometers upstream from the mouth of the Danube River at Sulina, Rumania, on the Black Soa.

2-03 RIVER CHANNEL CHARACTERISTICS.

a. From the mouth of the Isar River below Deggendorf to Hofkirchen, about 25 kilometers, the Denube River flows through a

wide, flat valley, with low gradients. The river is held in its banks along this reach by the construction of flood-control dikes supplemented by several pumping plants which operate behind the dikes during high stages in the river. Exhibit 4 is a sketch map showing the location of flood-control dikes and pumping plants along this reach.

- b. In the reach from Hofkirchen to Kachlet Dam, about 26 kilometers, the Danube River is ponded by the dam. Before construction of Kachlet Dam this section of the river, known as the Bavarian Machlet, was characterized by a wide, shallow channel, interrupted by outcrops of large, cubical rocks and great changes in slope (from 0.2 m/km to 2.7 m/km). A navigation channel was blasted and dredged through this reach prior to the construction of Machlet Dam, but the channel remained shallow and treacherous, expecially at low flows. Due to the steep gradients of the river channel, "run-of-the-river" regulation, and the low head maintained at Machiet Dam, there is relatively little sediment deposited in the reservoir. Channel depths in this reach vary from 2.0 to 11.3 meters at mean low discharge and from 5.0 to 11.3 meters at mean high discharge under normal pool conditions. With no control at Kachlet Dam channel depths would be decreased and range from 1.3 to 1.5 meters at mean low discharge and from 2.3 to 4.0 meters at mean high discharge. A profile of this reach is shown in Exhibit 5, and channel widths for the reach are shown in Exhibit 6.
- c. The Danube River flows through a narrow, deep channel with high, rocky banks from Machlet Dam to the mouth of the Inn River, a distance of about five kilometers. From the confluence of the Inn River downstream for approximately 70 kilometers, the Danube River flows through a narrow valley with steep channel gradients, so that little or no ponding occurs at any stage. Channel depths from Machlet Dam (km 2230.6) to Obernsell (km 2208.9) wary from 2 to 4 meters at mean low stage and from 4 to 7 meters at mean high stage. Exhibit 6 is a table of channel widths for about 30 kilometers below Machlet Dam, and Exhibit 5 shows river profiles for about 22 kilometers below the dam.

2-04 FLOOD PLAINS.

The only flood plain along the Danube River near Machlet Dam is located between the mouth of the Isar River and Hofkirchen, from 26 to 52 kilometers above Machlet Dam. This plain is protected from high water on the Danube River by the construction of flood-control dikes and pumping plants, as mentioned in par. 2-03, a, above. Exhibit 4 is a sketch-map of this area.

3-05 MAVIGATION.

The Danube River is navigable from the mouth at the Black Soa to Ulm, Germany, a distance of 2,594 kilometers. The prime purpose for

constructing Machlet Dem was to improve mavigation conditions of the Denube River through the Bavarian Machlet between Vilshofer. (km 2249.1) and Passau (km 2225.2). With the locks operating at Kachlet Dam it is possible to mavigate the Danube River from Passau to Regensburg (km 2383) with 1,000-tom barges loaded to 650 tons. Before construction of Machlet Dam it was possible to ravigate from Passau to Vilshofen only with vessels weighing less than 200 tons. The Danube River at Rachlet Dem freezes solidly enough to impede navigation for an average of 21 days per year. Navigation in the Machlet pool is impeded by high water about two days per year. Exhibit 7 is a route description for navigation of the river from Passau (km 2225.2) to Irlbach (km 2301). Exhibit 6 shows channel widths of the Danube River from Engelmartszell (km 2200.5) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7). Exhibit 8 presents flow-duration curves for Hofkirchen and Obernzell. References I and 4 present detailed navigation data for the Danube River above Passau. Reference 5 discusses the formation of ice in the Danube River.

2-06 REGULATION OF THE DANUBE RIVER.

- a. The only regulation structure existing on the Danube River between Regensburg (km 2383) and Sulina (the mouth), is Kachlet Dam at river kilometer 2230.6. Control structures above Regensburg could not affect the operation of Machlet Dam, therefore, are not considered within the scope of this report.
- b. This dam is a mason'y and concrete structure with an over-all length of 400 meters, including the navigation locks and powerhouse. It impounds water to a depth of 11.3 meters above the sill of the weir section at normal pool. The dam was constructed for two purposes: (1) To facilitate the navigation of the Denube River in the Bavarian Rachlet above the dam; and (2) To provide "run-ofthe-river " electric power. Eachlet Dam is divided into three main sections: (1) A weir-type spillway section containing six, verticallift gates, 25 meters wide and 11.3 meters high, separated by masonry piers 5 meters thick, and having a total discharge capacity of 6.000 m3/sec; (2) A powerhouse containing eight surbines with a total discharge capacity of 700 13/sec; and (3) Two navigation locks, each 230 meters long and 24 meters wide, with a maximum lift at 1cm water of 9.2 meters. The Dangbe River is ponded for a distance of about 26 kilometers by Machlet Dam. The reservoir formed has a storage capacity of about 30,000,000 cubic meters. References 1 and 6 present details of the construction and operation of Rachlet Dam. Exhibit 9 is a plan drawing of Machlet Dam, and Exhibit 10 shows elevation and cross-sectional views of the dam.

SECTION III

HYDROLCCY

3-01 GENERAL.

The hydrological and hydraulic data presented in this report are pertinent only to the reach of the Danube River influenced by Kachlet Dan. These data are generally presented in graphical form to facilitate their application.

3-02 CLIMATOLOGY.

References 2 and 7. In general the climate of the Upper Danche River Basin is characterized by frequent periods of sub-freezing temperature and heavy snowfall in the winter, and moderately high temperature in the summer with occasional high-intensity rainstorms.

3-03 STREAM-CAGING STATIONS.

On the reach of the Danube River affected by Machlet Dam, the only stream-gaging stations that have published discharge records are located at Hofkirchen (km 2256.7) and at Obernzell (km 2208.9), with records since 1901. Gages also exist on the bridges at Vilabofen (km 2249.1) and Passau (km 2226.5). The highest flood of record at Passau was 6,000 m²/sec in 1845. Records of Danube River gaging stations in Germany and Austria are tabulated in Reference 8. Exhibit 11 shows discharge and velocity rating curves for Hofkirchen. Passau, and Obernsell.

3-04 RIVER-FLOW CHARACTERISTICS.

a. General. The Danube River above the mouth of the Inn River (km 2225.2), is characterized by an annual, high-water period in May or June, due to snow-melt in the headmater areas, and several, small-volume rises in the summer or fall, due to local rainstorms. In winter the stage is often raised by flooding due to ice-jars in the Danube River above Eachlet Dum. The minimum stage at Hofkirchen is generally recorded in fall or early winter. However, because of climatic and terrain characteristics, the Danube River at Machlet Dum can have high-mater stages almost any time of year. Exhibit 12 shows average monthly stage variations at Hofkirchen (km 2256.7) and Obernsell (km 2208.9), and Exhibit 8 shows discharge-duration curves for Hofkirchen and Obernsell.

b. River Velocities. In the reach above Rachlet Dam (km 2230.6) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7), average surface velocities wary from 0.6 to 5.5 feet per second at mean low stage and from 3.6 to 7.6 feet per second at mean high stage under normal pool conditions. However, with no control at Rachlet Dam, average surface velocities for this reach would be increased and range from 1.8 to 8.7 feet per second at mean low stage and from 4.0 to 10.0 feet per second at mean high stage. From Eachlet Dam to Obernzell (km 2208.9), average surface velocities vary from 2.8 to 9.9 feet per second at mean low stage and from 7.0 to 12.5 feet per second at mean high stage. Average surface velocities of the Danube River from Hofkirchen to Obernzell are shown on Exhibit 5 for high, mean, and low stages. Stage-velocity-discharge curves are shown for Hofkirchen and Obernzell on Exhibit 8.

SECTION IV

ARTIPICIAL FLOOD FOUNTIALITIES

4-01 GENERAL.

- a. The term "artificial flood" as used in this report applies to any major increase in the extent of flooding, over that normally prevailing with existing developments, that is brought about by manipulation of control structures, breaching of dams, or levees, or temporary damning operations designed to create flooding conditions. In this report the following three types of artificial flooding were considered:
- (1) Major flood waves, created by sudden breaching of a dam to relace large quantities of impounded water.
- (2) <u>Detrimental streamflow variation</u>, in which sudden changes in discharges, depths, velocities, and widths of streams are brought about to increase difficulties of stream-crossing operations or revigation, such as might be accomplished by opening and closing large flood gates intermittently to create cyclical flood waves for limited distances downstream.
- (3) Still-water barriers, created by flooding land to form water obstacles or to reduce trafficability, using such means as breaching levees, sandbagging dams, or diverting flow from canals. Still barriers may also be created by draining areas normally flooded by reservoirs so that mud-flats will be formed.
- b. There are several reaches of the Danube River and its tributaries in Germany and Austria, where artificial flooding could be applied to military advantage. This report considers only the artificial flood potentialities of the reach of the Danube River influenced by Machlet Dam, including the effects on this reach caused by the regulation of the Isar River. However, the artificial flood potentialities of the entire Danube River should be considered in planning military operations in Central and Eastern Europe.
- c. The following means for creating artificial flooding conditions on the Danube River were considered:
 - (1) Demolition of Muchlet Dam.
- (2) Regulation of Machlet Dam to create cyclical flood waves downstream.
- (3) Possible regulation of the Isar River hydraulic structures to create artificial flooding conditions on the Denube River above Machiat Dam.

(4) Possible creation of still-water barriers or mud-flats by: (a) raising the pool behind Kachlet Dam by such means as sandbagging the dam, or (b) draining the pool behind Kachlet Dam.

4-02 ARTIFICIAL FLOOD WAVES.

a. Plood Have Greated by Damolitica of Machlet Dim.

(1) General. In the determination of conditions under which demolition was onsidered likely to occur, it was assumed that the wair section of the dam would be the first and most likely section of the dam to be demolished. Demolition of the powerhouse would not increase appreciably the peak discharge of a wave caused by the damplition of the woir section, because of the high backwater effect resulting from the narrowing of the river channel below the dam. In event the navigation lock gates are opened or breached, there would be no effective increase in the peak discharge of a flood mave released by the demolition of the weir section, due to the long, narrow approach channels above and below the lock. Damage to the lock chambers, however, will retard future navigation. The flood wave which was considered to be the most likely to be produced by the demolition of Rachlet Dam was based on the assumption that only the weir section of the dam would be breached, leaving the powerhouse and locks structurally intact. With the reservoir water surface at normal stage of 299.5 m above sea level, the wave caused by breaching the six gates on the weir section of the dam would have a peak discharge of 6,000 m³/sec. The duration and effects of this wave would be tempered by the base flow in the Danube River at the time of the breach. This wave would equal the highest flood of record in 1845. Considerable demage to the waterfront section and to railroad tracks in Passau would be caused by this flood wave. Sections of Fassau adjacent to the Danube River would be flooded by about 4 meters of water for a short time by a flood wave of 6,000 m³/sec. at Machlet Dam. Below the mouth of the Inn River, the flood wave would be rapidly reduced by the wide river channel. The following table is a summary of data pertinent to artificial flood waves created by the demolition of the weir section of Rachlet Dame

	Dia-	Base	flow	P	oak	Time fr	om dam br	each to
Station	tance % ;	Stage Elev.	Disch.	Stage Elev.	Disch.	Start of rise	Peak disch.	End of rise
	ion.	K	m3/800		m3/sec	Hours	Hours	Hours
Machlet D	0	-	260	299.5	6000	C	0	9
Passau	5,1	289.5	a 280	294.4	2600	0.1	0.5	10
Obernsell	21.7	281.5	a 600	283.8	1800	0.2	2.0	12
Machlet D	0	-	b 620	299.5	6000	0	0	7
Passau	5.1	291.0	b 620	294.8	9000	0.1	0.5	8
Obernzell	21.7	283.3	9 2400	285.0	2600	0.2	2.0	10
Machlet D	0	_	° 1700	299.5	6000	0	0	6
Passau	5.1	293.5	° 1700	295.7	3800	0.1	0.4	7
Obernzell	21,7	286.7	C-4000	287.6	4900	0.2	1.5	9

A Mean low discharge

b Moan discharge

O Moon high discharge

Hydrographs of flood waves creeted by the breaching of Machlet Dam with various base flows in the Danube River are shown on Exhibit 13, tegrather with the resultant flood hydrographs at Passau (km 2230.6) and Chernzell (km 2208.9). The hydrographs at Passau and Obernzell were determined by routing the breaching wave, using various base flows in the Danube River at the time of the breach.

(2) Consideration was given to the possibility that the weir section of Machlet Dam might be demolished at such a time when the water surface is raised by sandbagging t induce surcharge storage or to cause flooding upstream. It is not considered structurally feasible to raise the pool more then about 3 meters above normal by blocking the outlets and sandbagging between the overflow sections of the dam. As the pool would be constantly overflowing, an inflow discharge exceeding middle high discharge of 1,700 m3/sec. would be regained to raise the pool 3 meters, making the possibility of accomplishing this operation very infrequent. However, if demolition of the weir section of the dam should occur when the pool elevation is 3 meters above normal, the resulting flood wave would have a peak discharge about 2.000 m /sec, greater than a peak resulting from demolition conurring with mormal pool. A flood wave created by demolition of the weir section of Rachlet Dam under these conditions would cause a maximum stage at Passau over one meter higher than a flood wave created by demolition under normal conditions. However, this flood wave would cause no significant amount of damage greater than the damage caused by a flood wave created at normal pool elevation, because the more important sections of the city are situated on high ground, beyond the reaches of flood waters.

(3) Effects on Bridging.

- (a) Permanent Bridgos. Highway and railroad bridges across the Danube River below Eachlet Dam would not likely fail from the action of a breaching flood wave, as they are constructed high enough to clear navigation traffic. However, if ice conditions are such as to cause jams at piers or approaches, bridges could be damaged and bridge traffic would be suspended at least temporarily. The only bridge upstream from Eachlet Dam that is considered within the scope of this report is at Vilshofen (km 2249.1). This bridge would not be damaged by any condition existing at Machlet Dam. Locations of permanent bridges are shown on Exhibit 3.
- (b) Temporary Military Bridges. Any floating bridges constructed across the Danube River below Machlet Dam (½m 2230.6) as far as Obernsell (½m 2208.9), would be damaged or possibly destroyed by a breaching flood wave, unless constructed to withstand average surface velocities greater than 12 feet per second. Floating bridges constructed across the Danube River upstream from Eachlet Dam (½m 2230.6) to Vilselem (½m 2249.1), would also be adversely affected by the draining of the pool resulting from demolition of the dam. In this reach backwater

normally keeps river velocities low, but permanent draining of the pool would increase average surface velocities at some points to as much as 9 feet mer second at mean discharge. Therefore, floating bridges would be difficult to maintain in the reach from Rachlet Dam to Vilshofen. Danube River profiles and surface velocities from Hofkirchen (km 2256.7) to Obernzell (km 2208.9) are shown on Exhibit 5.

(4) Effects or Crossings and Banks.

- (a) <u>Ferries</u>. In the reach of the Danube River below Machlet Dam (km 2230.6), all ferry operations would be impossible during breaching floods as far as the Inn River (km 2225.2), and difficult as far as Obernzell (km 2208.9). Approaches to ferries located downstream from the dam would not likely be permanently damaged. Upstream from Machlet Dam to Vilshofen (km 2249.1), ferry traffic would be damaged by the draining of the reservoir, and the resultant increased stream velocities. Ferries operating near Machlet Dam would sustain considerable damage by the draining of the pool, as their approaches and docks would be left high and day, except during flood stages on the Danube River. Locations of ferries are shown on Exhibit 3.
- (b) Military Ferrying Operations. In that the Danube River is too deep to ford in any reach within the scope of this report, consideration has been given only to the effects of artificial flooding of military farrying operations. It should be noted that on several occasions, the Danube River has frozen solidly enough above Rachlet Dur to support very his vy vehicles. This freezing was largely caused by loss of velocities due to Machlet Dam, and continuous efforts are made to prevent and break up ice formation of the Danube River (Reference 5). Military ferrying operations of the Danube River from Eachlet Dam (km 2230.6) downstream to Obernzell (km 2208.9), would be made impossible or extremely difficult by a breaching wave released from Machlet Dam, due to increased velocities and stages. In the reach of the Emube River above Rachlet Dam to Vilshofen (km 2249.1). military ferrying operations would be hindered by the increased velocities resulting from the draining of the pool after breaching. Exhibit 6 shows channel widths from Engelhartszell (km 2200.6) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7).
- (c) Bank Conditions. Below Machlet Dam there would be no great damage to river banks caused by a breaching wave flood, mainly because there would not be enough water stored behind the dam to make a flood of long duration. As far as the mouth of the Inn River (km 2225.2), the banks are steep and rocky, and below the Inn River the flood would be contained within the banks, so that damage to the banks would not be great at any place below Machlet Dam. In the reach of the Danube River upstream from Machlet Dam (km 2230.6) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7), the water would recede from the banks after the breaching of Machlet Dam. In this reach the banks are generally

steep and are often rocky, so that no serious bank erowich and no large mud flats would be created by the draining of the pool. Exhibit 6 is a table of Danube River channel widths from Engelhartszell (km 2200.6) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7).

(5) Effects on Navigation.

- (a) General. After demolition of the weir section of Machlet Dam, it would not be possible to use the navigation locks to pass large vessels either up or dewnstream, due to the loss of head-water. However, it would be possible to pass small vessels, displacing less than 200 tons, through the south lock, providing the head and tail-water conditions produce no currents and stages adverse to navigation.
- (b) Below Rachlet Dan. In case Rachlet Dan is breached, all mavigation below the dam to Obernsell (km 2208.9), would be hazardous during the crest of the flood. Navigation structures at Passau would be severely damaged by the high water. The demolition of Rachlet Dan would hinder navigation below the dam only for the duration of the crest of the flood wave, or for about four hours.
- River from Eachlet Dam (km 2230.6) to Vilshofen (km 2249.1), mavigation would be permanently reduced and remain hazardous after demolition of the dam. This reach of the river would return to conditions similar to those that existed before construction of the dam. Due to the rock opterops and deposited addition in the river charmel, only small vessels weighing less than 200 tons could navigate this reach, and only during infrequent periods when stages and velocities are favorable. Navigation above Hofkirchen (km 2256.7) would not be affected by the demolition of Eachlet Dam because backwater effects resulting from the dam' are negligible above that point.

h. Flood Taves Created by Regulation of Rachlet Dam.

(1) General. It would be possible to release artificial flood waves from Eachlet Dam by the regulation of the weir gates with supplemental aid of locks and turbines. The magnitude, duration, and frequency of the waves created depend on the discharge in the Danube River and backwater resulting from the Inn River which enters the Danube River about five kilometers below Eachlet Dam. An artificial flood wave created by the sudden opening of the weir gates, locks, and turbines, with the reservoir at normal elevation of 299.5 meters above sea level, would have a peak discharge of 5,000 m/sec. and the flood would last about two hours. Waves could be repeated, depending on the Danubo River discharge at the following intervals:

20 hours at mean low water, 12 hours at mean water, 5 hours at mean high water. An artificial flood wave of 5,000 m³/sec. would approach the largest flood of record, of 6,000 m³/sec, in 1845, and would cause considerable damage to the lower sections of Passau. Below the mouth of the Inn Piver (km 2225.2) the effects of the wave would be greatly reduced by the wide river channel. Velocity changes will be greatest if the wave is released during a period of low flow in the Danube River. Exhibit ll shows stage—discharge—velocity curves for Passau and Obernsell.

(2) Effects on Bridging.

- (a) <u>Permanent Bridges</u>. Artificial flood waves created by the manipulation of the gates at Eachlet Dam would have approximately the same effects on permanent bridges across the Danube River as a flood wave created by breaching the weir section of the dam, as discussed in par. 4-02, a, (3)(a).
- (b) Temporary Military Bridges. Floating military bridges across the Danube River would be damaged to about the same extent by the release of large, regulated flood waves from Machlet Dam, as by a wave created from the breaching of the dam, as discussed in par. 4-02, a, (3)(b); except that bridges constructed upstream from the dam would be difficult to maintain only during periods of drawdown in the reservoir after large releases.

(3) Riffects on Crossings and Banks.

- (a) <u>Ferries</u>. Large, artificial flood waves released from Wachlet Dam would cause about the same amount of damage to Danube River ferries as the breaching flood wave discussed in par. 4-02, a; (4)(a). However, since the pool behind the dam would not be drained for long periods by flood-releasing operations, ferries located above Wachlet Dam would not be permanently damaged.
- (b) Military Ferrying Operations: The damage to military ferrying operations created by a large, artificial flood wave released from Eachlet Dam, would be about the same as damage caused by a flood wave resulting from breaching the weir section of the dam, as discussed in par. 4-02, a, (4)(b). The wave could be repeated at interval as indicated in par. 4-02, b, (1) above. No permanent hindranc, to crossing the Danube River above the dam would result from the release of artificial flood waves however, because the reservoir would not likely be drained for long periods by cyclical operations.
- (c) Bank Conditions. Releases of large, artificial flood waves from Rachlet Dam would have upproximately the same affect on bank conditions and approaches to crossings as a flood wave resulting from the breaching of the dam; see per. 4-02, a, (4)(c).

(4) Effects on Navigation.

- (a) General. Any plan to release cyclical flood waves from Eachlet Dam would make the use of the mavigation locks extremely difficult, if not impossible during build-up and release periods. Plans for releasing the largest waves possible would call for the opening of the lock gates to supplement releases from the weir section. Repeated use of the locks for this purpose would cause permanent damage to the locks.
- (b) Below Machlet Dam. Regulation of Machlet Dam to create large artificial flood waves would cause stage variation and river velocities so great that navigation would be impossible between Machlet Dam (km 2230.6) and the mouth of the Inn River (km 2225.2), and hazardous downstream to Obernzell (km 2208.9), for a period of about two hours after the release of each wave. Navigation facilities in Passau would be severely damaged by the action of flood waves of 5.000 m/sec. originating at the dam.
- (c) Above Kachlet Dam. During periods of flood-wave releases at Machlet Dam and for several hours later, drawdown in the pool above the Dam would cause increased stream velocities and decreased channel depths so that navigation would be temporarily suspended from Machlet Dam (km 2230.6) to Wilshofen (km 2249.1). No serious damage to navigation structures would be likely in this reach, resulting from any regulation of Machlet Dam.

c. Plood Waves Created by Regulation of the Isar River.

(1) General. Hydraulic studies conducted by the German Government (Reference 3) show that it is possible to create artificial floods on the Isar River by using several different plans of regulation. Only regulation plans which caused high water at the mouth of the Isar River (Danube River km 2282.0) were considered in this report. To determine the flow in the Danube River below the mouth of the Isar River, flood waves released at Hofham Lock on the Isar River, located 31.3 kilometers above the mouth, were routed down the Danube River to Machlet Dam, using various base flows in both rivers. Regulations of hydraulic structures on the Isar River are discussed in detail in Reference 3. Exhibit 14 shows artificial flood wave releases from Hofham Lock and their resultant flood hydrographs below the mouth of the Isar River and at Machlet Dam.

(2) Plan A.

(a) General. This scheme for releasing artificial flood waves on the Isar River in based on the manipulation of the weir gates, canals, and locks at Oberfoehring, Samptflut, Uppenborn, and Hofham, to produce the highest possible flow in the Isar River below Hofham Lock. A detailed discussion of this scheme is presented in Reference 3, together with its effects on the Isar River Basin.

The maximum effective wave produced by this plan would occur if the wave were released during a period of mean discharge on the Isar River. This wave would have a peak discharge of about 1,200 m³/sec. at Hofham Lock, which would cause a peak discharge of 970 m²/sec. in the Banube River below the mouth of the Isar River, and 930 m³/sec. at Machlet Dam. Data pertinent to artificial flood waves created at Hofham Lock using Plan A are shown in the following table:

Station	Distance	Base	Peak	Time fro	om release of	wave to:
	from Hofham Look	flow a	discharge	Start of rise	Peak discharge	End of rise
Hofham Lock Below mouth,	On.	m ³ /sec 160	m ² /sec 1200	Hours O	Hours O	Hours 69
Isar R. Machlet D.	81.3 132.7	620 620	b 970 930	6	11.5	e 80

8 Mean discharge.

b Rise in stage of about 0.8 meter.

Approximate time. Rise is negligible after time indicated.

(b) Effects on the Danube River. An artificial flood wave created on the Isar River by using Plan A would hinder all navigation and amphibious crossing of the Danube River between the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) and Eachlet Dam (km 2230.6), during the creat of the flood or about six hours. This flood probably would have an adverse effect on any floating military bridges; however, river banks and permanent bridges would suffer little damage from this flood wave. Exhibit 4 is a sketch map of the Danube River from above the mouth of the Isar River to below Hofkirchen (km 2256.7).

(3) Plan B.

(a) General. In carrying out this plan for creating artificial flood waves on the Isar River, supplemental water would be obatined from Walchen Lake, and from the manipulation of weir gates, canals, and looks at loking, Mueltal, Hoellriegelskreuth, and Orosshesseloha, and by drawing unter from the city of Muenchen and the Orest Amper Power Works; thereby augmenting the water obtained in Plan A. Reference 3 presents a detailed discussion of this plan and its effects on the Isar River Basin. A flood wave produced by this plan, if released during a period of mean discharge on both the Isar and Danube Rivers, would have a peak discharge of about 1,800 m³/sec. at Hofham Lock, causing a peak discharge of 1,100 m³/sec. in the Danube River below the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0), and 1,000 m³/sec. peak at Rachlet Pan (km 2230.6).

The following table presents data pertinent to artificial flood waves created at Hofham Lock under Plan B:

Station	Distance	Base	Poak	Time fro	m release of	wave to
The state of the s	from	flow &	discharge	Start	Peak	End
	Hofham			of	discharge	o <u>r</u>
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Isar R.	81.3	620	b 1100	2	11	c 80
Machlet D.	132.7	620	1000	6	17	c 90

a Mean discharge.

b Rise in stage of about 1.0 meter.

(b) Effects on the Danube River. A flood wave released under Plan B would result in peak water-surface elevations at the following stations above Hefkirchen (km 2256.7), the point above which there is little backwater effect from Machlei Dam:

Station	Kilometers above Sulina	Peak elevations in muters above sea level	Mean high water stage in meters above sea level
Bofkirchen	2256.7	303.7	304.8
	2260.0	304.6	305.7
	2265.0	306.0	. 307.1
	2270.0	307.4	308.5
Nieder Alteich	2275.7	309.0	310.1
Mouth of Isar R.	2282.0	310.5	311.6

wassuming that flood-control dikes in the reach are not breached and that pumping plants are in operation.

A flood wave of 1,100 m³/sec. would make navigation and amphibious or asing of the Danube River difficult between the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) and Machlet Dam (km 2230.6), for a period of about six hours and might damage any floating bridges constructed across the Danube River in this reach. River banks, dikes, and approaches to crussings would be little damaged by this flood, and no permanent bridges would be damaged.

(4) Plan C.

(a) <u>General</u>. This plan utilizes the same operations of hydraulic installations of the Isar River as Plan B, but the flood wave would be released from Hofham Lock during a period of mean high discharge on both the Isar and Danube Rivers.

Approximate time. Rise is negligible after time indicated.

The peak discharge released from Hofham Lock would also be about 1,800 m3/sec., but would cause a peak discharge of 2,000 m3/sec on the Danube River below the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0), and a peak of 1,900 m3/sec. at Abchlet Dam. A summary of data pertinent to artificial fixed waves released at Hofham Lock using Plan C are presented in the following table:

Station	Distance	Base	Peak	Time fr	m release of w	ave to:
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(b) Effects on the Danube River. Peak water-surface elevations for the Danube River, resulting from a flood wave released from Hofham Lock under Plan C, are shown in the following table for various stations above Hofkirchen, above which there is little backwater effect from Machlet Dams

Station	Kilometers above Sulina	Plan C Peak elevation* in meturs above sea lovel	Mean high water stage in meters above sea level
Hofkirchen	2256.7	305.0	304.8
	2260.0	305.9	305.7
	2265.0	307.3	307.1
	2270.0	308.7	308.5
Nieder Alteich	2275.7	310.3	310.1
Mouth of Isar R.	2282.0	311.8	311.6

Assuming that flood-control dikes in the reach are not breached and that pumping plants are operating.

A flood wave of 2,000 m³/sec. would have approximately the same effect on mavigation, amphibious crossings, and bridging of the Donube River as a flood wave released under Plan B, described in 4-02, c, (3)(b) above. Continuous repetition of this flood wave would cause severe bank crosson between the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) and Hofkirchen (km 2256.7).

4-03 STILL-WATER BARRIERS.

a. <u>Omeral</u>. Investigations of the reach of the Danube River considered within the scope of this report, show that it is not possible

b Rise in stage of about 0.2 meter.

to create any still—water barriers below Machlet Dam by any plan of regulation or breaching of the dam, because of the narrow width and steep gradients of the river valley below the dam. Consequently, only the possibilities of causing still—water barriers upstream from Machlet Dam are presented in this report. The following methods of producing still—water barriers above Machlet Dam were investigated:

(1) Drain the reservoir behind Machlet Dam to create mud-flats on areas covered by deposited sediment from normal inundation; (2) Raise the reservoir stage by san Bagging to create flooding conditions up stream; and (3) Breach flood—control dikes below the mouth of the lear River in conjunction with the release of artificial flood waves from the Laar River.

- b. Created by Draining Machlet Reservoir. Due to the steep gradients and narrow, rocky, river valley from Machlet Dem (km 2230.6) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7), no significant mud-flats would be created by draining the reservoir, even during low flow. There is no backwater effect from Machlet Dam above Hofkirchen at low flows, and the backwater effect is not nearly that far during high flows. Profiles of the Danube River, with and without Machlet Dam regulation, are shown in Exhibit 5.
- c. Created by Raising the Stage at Machlet Dam. It is considered feasible to raise the stage at Machlet Dam by sandbagging the dam and power house, up to about elevation 302.5 meters above sea level. With all weir gates, locks, and turbines closed, the unregulated overflow of the creat gates and lock gates at this stage would have a discharge of about 1,800 to 2,000 m³/sec., which is above mean high discharge. Any higher raising of the stage is considered impractical and would probably result in structural failure of the dam. It was determined that with the stage at Machlet Dam raised to elevation 302,5 meters above sea level, and with an overflow discharge of 2,000 m²/sec., there would be no appreciable increase of backwater affect above Hofkirchen (km 2256.7); therefore, it would not be possible to create any mudflats in the reach above Hofkirchen by induced backwater from raising Machlet Dam. Plans of Machlet Dam are presented in Exhibits 9 and 10, and Danube River profile showing induced backwater effect in shown in Exhibit 5.
- d. Created by Breaching of Flood-Control Dikes and by Regulation of the Isar River. Study of the reach of the Panube River below the mouth of the Isar River, showed that still-water barriers could be created between the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) and Hofkirchen (km 2256.7). This reach of river is characterized by low gradients and a wide, flat river walley, making it ideal for use as a still-water barrier. Flood-control dikes and pumping plants have been constructed on both sides of the Danube River along this reach to confine the flow to the main river channel. Breaching of these dikes would cause the flooding of flat, lowland areas and create a formidable barrier to military crossing operations, if made during a stage of middle high mater in the Danube Piver.

Due to the lack of sufficient data on the flood-control dikes, it is not possible to select exact points to broads the dikes to produce the most effective flooding conditions. A topographic survey of the area between Deggendorf (km 2284.5) and Hofkirchen (km 2256.7) is needed to determine the location of points on the flood-control dikes which, if breached, would cause the most sapid and effective artificial flooding ounditions. By releasing an artificial flued wave from Hofham Lock on the Isar River under Plan B, described in par. 4-02, c, (3) above, the stage in this reach could be raised over one meter during a period of mean discharge. If either Plan B or Plan C were carried out at a time when the flood-control dikes are breached, water barriers in the form of mud-flats would be created on both sides of the Danube River from the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) to Hofkirthen (km 2256.7). A stillwater barrier created by breaching of the flood-control dikes would be effective for a length of time depending on: (1) The natural flow in the Danube River, (2) The ability to release future artificial flood waves from the Isar River, and (3) The ability of the enemy to repair the diles. The time required to create still-water barriers depends on: (1) The stage in the Danube River: (2) The location of the breaches: and (3) The size of the breaches. A more detailed topographic map of the area and a more detailed physical description of the floodcontrol dikes are needed before reasonably accurate time schedules could be prepared. However, preliminary examination of the area between the mouth of the Isar River and Hofkirchen, indicates that the most effective places to breach the fluod-control dikes probably would be: (1) Directly opposite the mouth of the Isar River; (2) At Nieder Alteich; and (3) At Thundorf. It appears that flooding would not be effective unless the Danube River is higher than mean stage. Rises in the river higher than mean stage last from two weeks in the fall and winter to two months in the spring and early summer. No form of regulation, raising the stage, or breaching of Rachlet Dam would have any effect on the reach of the Danube River above Hofkirchen (2256.7), due to the narrow valley and steep river gradients below Holkirchen. Exhibit 4 is a sketch-map showing the location of the river channel, flood-control dikes, and pumping plants on the Danube River from above the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) to below Hofkirchen (km 2256.7).

4-04 CONCLUSIONS.

The following are conclusions reached regarding the hydraulic effects of regulation, operations, and possible demolition of Machlet Pam:

- l. Navigation and military ferrying operations on the Danube River would be made extremely hazardous for a distance of about 25 kilometers below Eachlet Dam for a period of two to four hours during floods created by releasing large, artificial flood maves from Eachlet Dam or by a flood wave created by demolition of the dam.
- 2. Waterfront structures in Passau would be severely damaged by any large artificial flood waves released from Machlet Dam.

- 3. Any regulation operations or demolition of Eachlet Dam would cause little significant damage to railroad and highway bridges, or to river banks and approaches to pressings below Eachlet Dam.
- 4. Demolition of Rachlet Dam would severely restrict ravigation between Passau (km 2225.2) and Vilancien (km 2249.1) due to the draining of the Bavarian Rachlet reach of the January River.
- 5. Navigation and military forrying operations on the Danube River would be made hazardous between the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) and Machlet Dam (km 2230.6) for a period of about six hours during floods caused by releasing large, artificial flood waves from Hofham Lock on the Isar River.
- 6. Large, artificial flood waves released from Hofham Lock on the Isar River would cause little significant damage to river banks or approaches to crossings along the Danube River, as long as the flood-control dikes between the mouth of the Isar River and Hofkirchen are not breached.
- 7. No significant still—water barriers can be created by Eachlet Dam, either by raising the water stage above normal at the dam or by draining the reservoir behind the dam.
- 8. Still-water barriers can be created on the Danube River from the mouth of the Isar River (km 2282.0) to Hofkirchen (km 2256.7), by breaching the flood-control dikes along this reach. The barriers created could be enlarged by the release of artificial flood waves from Hofham Lock on the Isar River.

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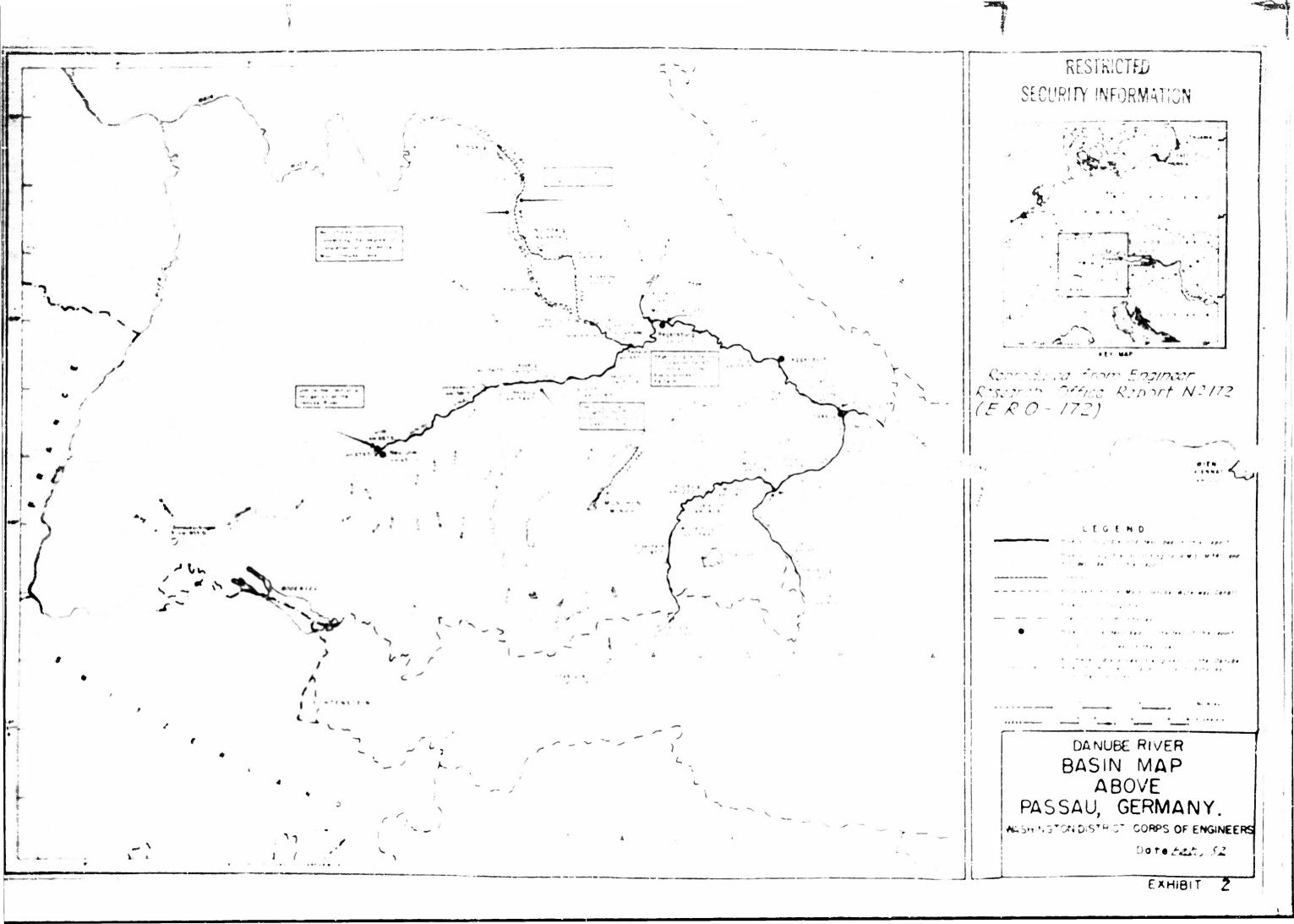
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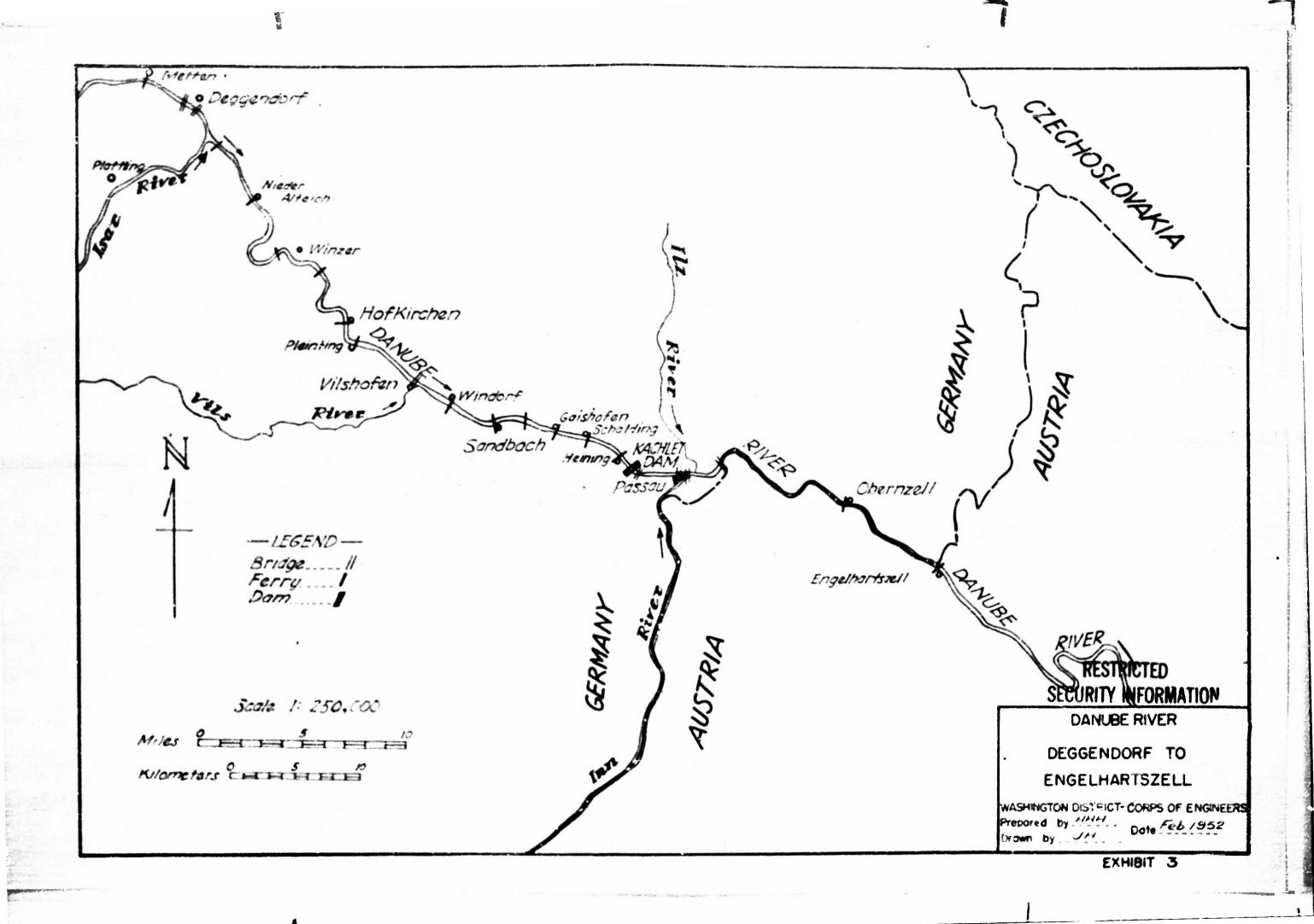
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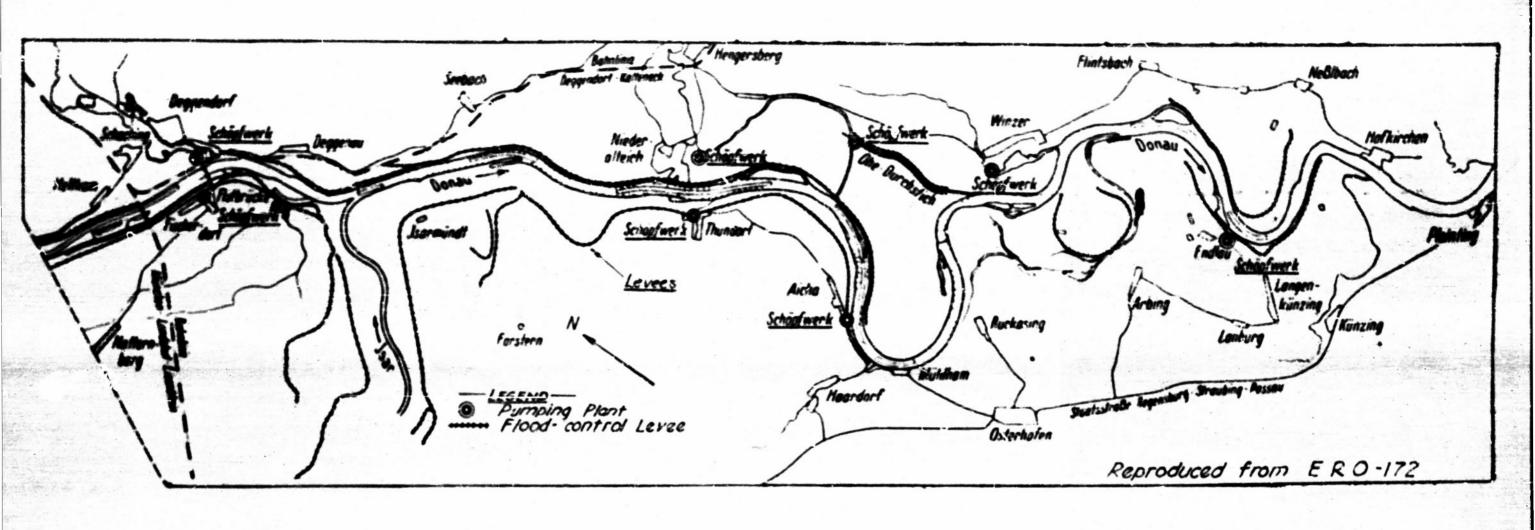
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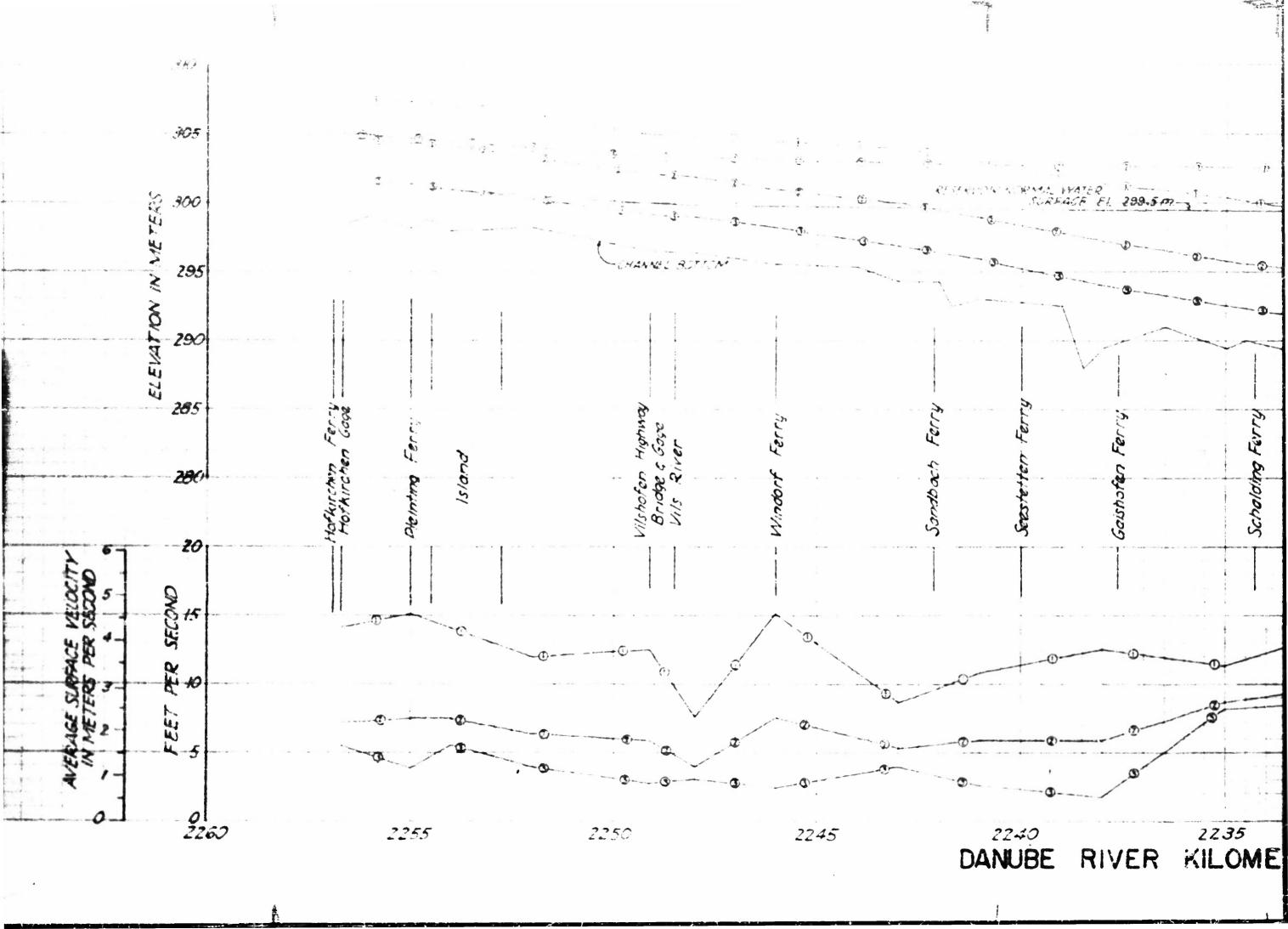
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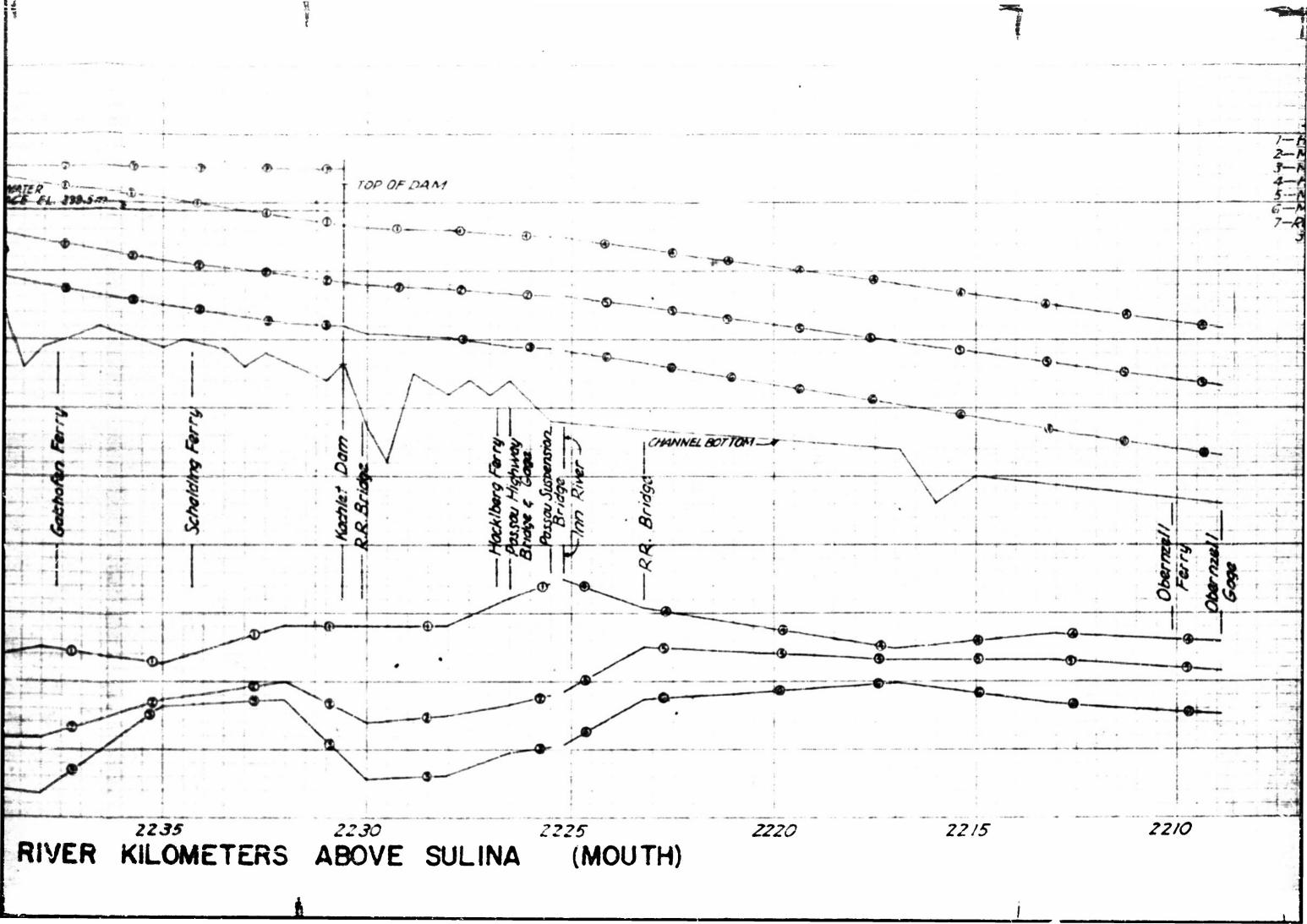
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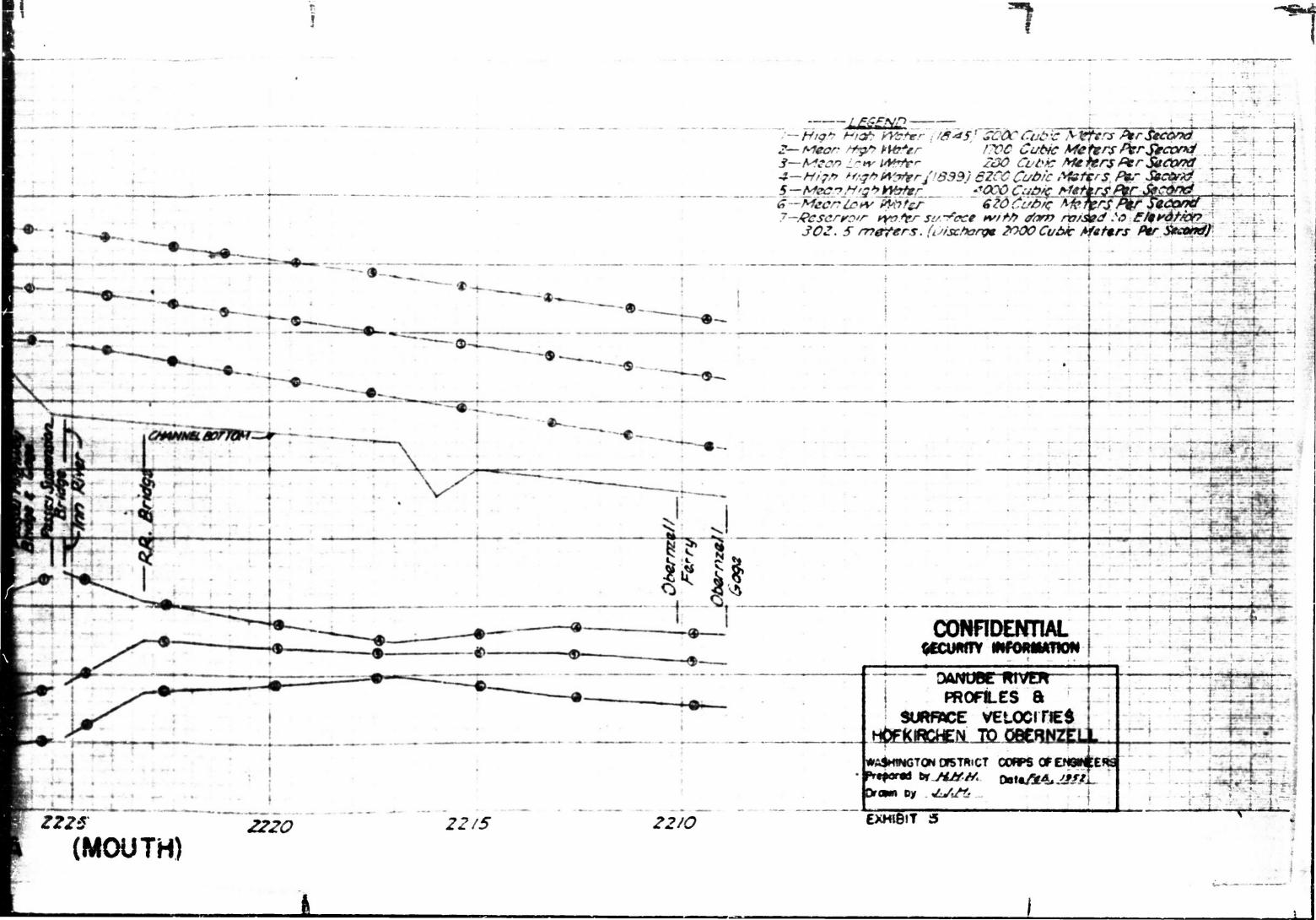
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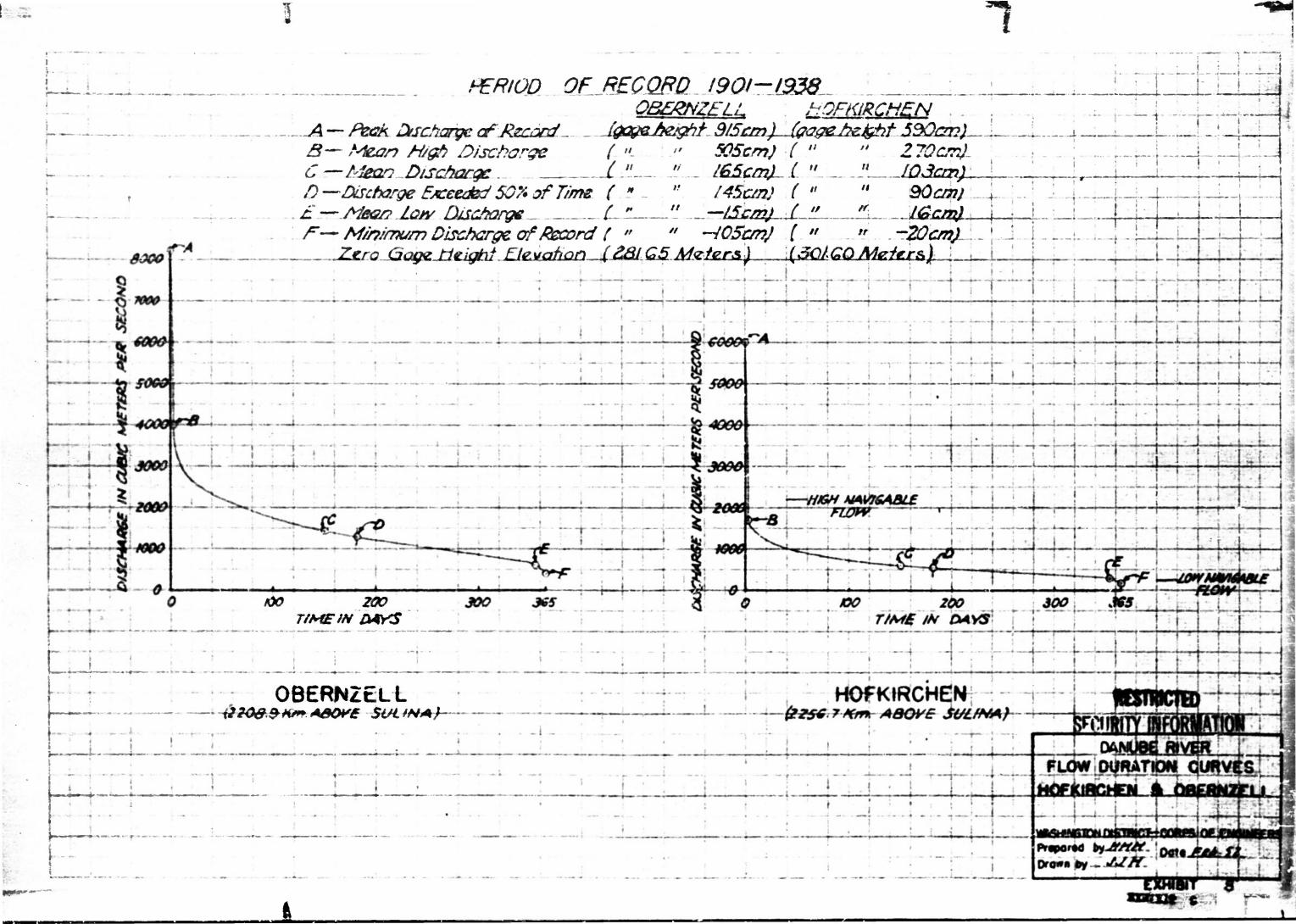
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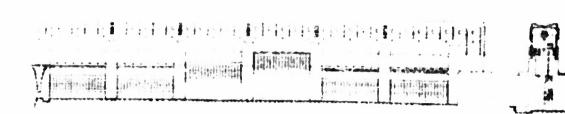
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Cross Section of the Eachlet Dam on the Danube River Near Passau

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Elevation of the Kachlet Dam Near Passau on the Danube

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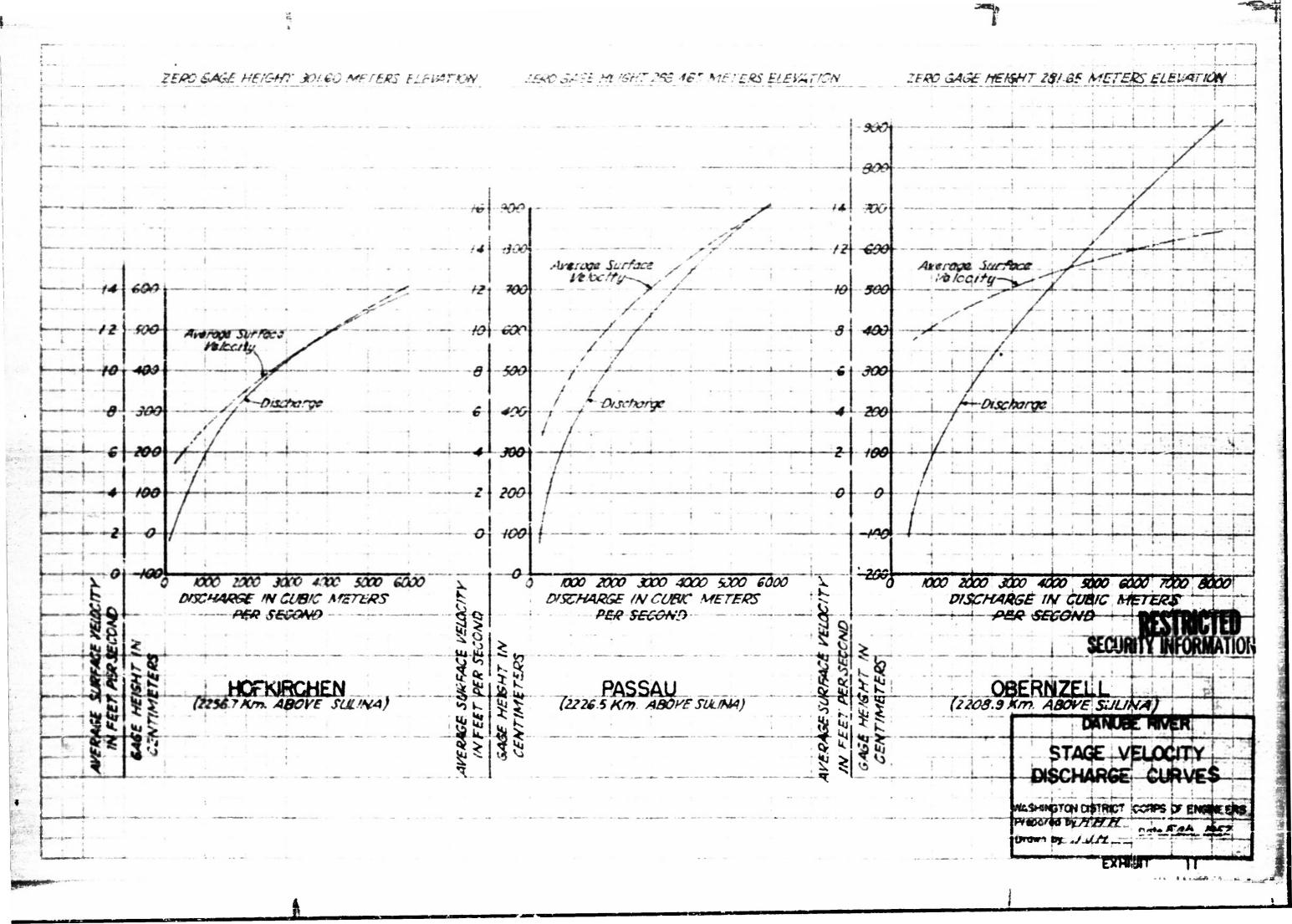
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